



MEADOWS MATTERS

This bulletin is the newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



HOW MUCH EXCITEMENT CAN YOU HAVE AT A CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING?

President Helen welcomed about 30 members and then got us to quickly consume a lovely meal – before we had:-

Announcements

Denise Brown said that after conferring with Salvation Army about our Christmas assistance, the request was for us to buy gifts for teenagers, *not wrap* them, and bring them to the club for handing over. If “identifying” teenagers’ gifts was too difficult, we could instead bring money to hand to the Army for them to purchase!

President Helen advised that next week we would meet at our regular venue, have a meal and then go “Walkies.” (*Full details revealed below.*)

AGM

Pres. Helen then requested that we move to our AGM and this was approved. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and nothing arose therefrom.

Treasurer Graeme Ryan presented the Financial Report (earlier circulated to all) on the screen, discussed it and it was “received.”

Immediate Past Pres Jenny presented her annual report, alluded to the difficulties presented by covid, the joys of zoom and the so many projects achieved – even under these circumstances. We still managed to give \$55,000 to (several named) community projects and she thanked all for their assistance. Her report was received.

Moving to **General Business**, the previously circulated notes on our club “Reserve Fund” was discussed at length with details and background being provided by Pete Thompson, Geoff Bibby and Bob Morrison (among others).

It was clear that our Reserve (or Trust) Fund was a very valuable resource, that not all (especially new) members knew the background, that the “rainy day” proviso was very hard to determine. Bruce Martin outlined the club policy for dealing with this situation and it was left for the Board to consider the matter and come back with any motion for change. (*NB: These notes are the Ed’s interpretation; full details will be available in the Secretaries minutes.*)

The normal meeting resumed.



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Officer Holders 2022-23

President	Helen Tattersall
Secretary	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
Club Admin & PE	Kelvin Winnie
Membership & PI	John Macintosh
Service Projects	Fred Staples
Youth	Chris McKenna
Foundation	Lynne Gibson
Artex	Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm
Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Club Christmas – Mission 11 Dec
Camp Kaitawa – 8-13 Jan 2023

Leave of Absence

Don McKenzie – ongoing
Barry Keating ongoing
Ian McKelvie ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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Welfare

Stu reported as follows:

- Carolyn Nikolaison is home from hospital and recovering well.
- John and Jill Hanlen are well – and not being blown away from their perch on the Hill!
- Penny Park seen the previous day (took flowers following the death of her Dad). A private family funeral is to be held on Friday. Penny’s mother is not at all well.
- Don and Raewyn McKenzie are still in Auckland but are hoping to return home this weekend.
- Cathy Nelson is struggling a little.

Thoughts for the week

Denise Brown sought to read her *opening thought*, only to find that what she grabbed from the fridge magnet was in fact a recipe for seafood chowder – which did not seem to fit the occasion of our AGM.

Seeking to **cope** at the closing & with the aid of a note that Ed found on the bar fridge out the back, it was appropriately stated ***“Life is not the way it is supposed to be. It’s the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference!”***

Sergeant Stu

Taking off his welfare hat and donning his **Sergant Car Dealer** hat Stu cleverly elicited fines if your car name began with **A**-nglia, **B**-MW, **C**-orolla, **D**-odge, **E**-scort, **F**-ord, **G**-alliant, **H**-olden, **J**-aguar, **K**-ia, **L**-ada, **M**-orris, **N**-issan, **O**-ldsmobile, **P**-orshce, **Q**-uattro, **R**-enault, **S**-koda, **T**-oyota, **U**-rato (sports), **V**-olvo, **Y**-amaha, **W**-olsely, **X**-K (Jaguar), **Y**-amaha, **Z**-odiac. (NB These letters are indicative only – there were far more for many of the letters – as you will know.) We rejoiced at the memories, paid up and wondered at the skill and memories of our “Sergeant for the Day.”

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 30th	December 7th	December 14th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Dobell Walkies	Elephant Hill Wine Tasting @ our venue	Christmas Meeting
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Bruce Martin Steve Gillum Graeme Muir Gail Kelly Edwin Brown Kevin McCormack	- - - Garth Eyles - -
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Bryan Matthews Mark Dickerson Brian Anstis	Frank Heuser Alan White Gill Scarlet	Wal Drayton Neil Smith Geoff Bibby

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Helen of the change.
It’s not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

Women in Rotary



A Women in Rotary fundraiser for *Anxiety NZ*, was held at Brookfields, 13 November 2022

With *Anxiety NZ* being the District Governor's charity of choice for the 2022/2023 Rotary year, Ahuriri Sunrise Rotary Club decided to hold a Women in Rotary fundraiser to benefit *Anxiety NZ*.

Having enlisted the help of Shona, Lynne Trafford set out to do their best to raise a few dollars and at the same time, lift the profile of women in our various Hawke's Bay Clubs.

The guest speaker was the DG's wife, Dianne Forgeson, who was ably accompanied and hosted by Wendy Mildon (wife of Past DG Grant Spackman).

Some \$375 was raised in various contributions, \$118 from the sale of wine, \$150 from a sergeant's session, \$295 from a raffle, thus giving \$938 to add to the *Anxiety NZ* donations for this year.

THANK YOU heaps to everyone who attended, to those who helped on the day, and also to those who donated even when they couldn't attend. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

(NB These notes were adapted from the Ahuriri Sunrise Club newsletter).

Were Greenmeadows represented you may ask! Well they were, as shown here – one of ours and one backup from Petone returned to assist!



REMEMBRANCE

Past Member Penny Park lost her father in this past week with a private family funeral held on Friday. The thoughts of members of Greenmeadows Rotary are with Penny & her family.

Your words; this week

Your "reporter" this week was the actual Editor working by himself. The words then are his own, and no challenge into them will not be entertained. (NB. No carbon was created or destroyed in the preparation of these notes.)

Next Wednesday – The Dobell Walk

After our regular meeting at the Taradale Town Hall, we will start from the main car park at Dolbell St with two options:

1. There is a new track round to O'Dowd Rd (on the way to Churchill Drive) which is flat & wheelchair friendly. Walk this and return the same way. You will see new plantings by the Taradale group. An easy and enjoyable walk.
2. The other walk is up the vehicle track (from behind our picnic area) to about half way up and then across to a stile and into our most recent plantings – from there it is all downhill. Great views, great plants and we will see where we hope to build a seat for Wim. We end up down at the new bottom path and walk back to the entrance.

Walking shoes should suffice.

ON A MISSION FOR CHRISTMAS

Looking ahead and helping you with preparing your Christmas calendar, we forewarn you now that our special Greenmeadows Rotary event will be a lunch at the Mission on Sunday the 11th of December (\$62 set menu) Hopefully in the sun on the lawn. (Father Frank may assist again with this!) Please respond to Kevin McCormack if you are not already on the list.

Camp Kaitawa

Sunday 8th to Friday 13th of January

Want to help out doing painting and other maintenance at this school recreation centre. Work in the mornings, relax, swim, kayak in the afternoons and more importantly, make it to "Happy Hour" later in the day.

For any queries, contact Graeme Muir on 027 296 8457 or 8442 696

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



Suggesting that every member makes a personal annual donation to the Rotary Foundation. There are varying ways of doing this.

Some Thoughts on Judgement

A young couple moved into a new house. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better soap powder."

Her husband looked on, remaining silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life...

What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look.

So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are.

Next week, start at the Town Hall, eat and then off to Dolbell Reserve

